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## COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

### PORT SECURITY UNIT

**Wednesday**  
**May 16, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**Long Beach Water Department**  
**1800 East Wardlow Road**

A member of our Port Security Unit will be the guest speaker at our next Community Crime Prevention Meeting. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn about the Long Beach Police Department's latest tools/strategies in the fight against crime.

Security has become a paramount concern at seaports throughout the nation and the Port Security Unit has increased security measures significantly in and around the Long Beach Harbor since 9/11.

For additional information, contact the Community Relations Division  
at (562) 570-7215.

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## Help Your Children

# "Type Smart and Post Wisely"



Be aware that the information you give out in blogs (a personal online journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption), social networking sites, or chat rooms could put you at risk of online victimization. People looking to harm you could use the information you post to gain your trust. They can also deceive you by pretending they know you. So just remember, never meet in person with anyone you have first met online.

Anyone who has access to a computer can look at what you post online. Be smart! If you don't use privacy settings, anyone has access to your blog or profile, not just people you know.

### Be Cautious of:

- Anyone you don't know who asks you for your personal information, photos or videos
- Unsolicited obscene material from people or companies you don't know
- Misleading websites on the Internet that contain harmful materials
- Anyone who wants to send you photos or videos containing obscene content of youth 18 and younger
- Anyone you don't know who asks you to meet them somewhere offline, especially a person is an adult
- Threats to your life or safety and/or threats to others

### Do not:

- Post your cell phone number, address, or the name of your school
- Post your friends' names, ages, phone numbers, school names, or addresses
- Add people as friends to your site unless you know them in person
- Communicate with people you don't know
- Give out your password to anyone other than your parent or guardian
- Meet in person with anyone you first meet on a social networking site
- Respond to harassing or rude comments posted on your profile
- Make or post plans and activities on your site
- Post photos with school names, locations, license plates, or signs
- Post photos with the name of your sports team
- Respond to threatening or negative e-mails

Don't give out personal information, such as address, telephone number, or school.

Never agree to get together with someone you've met online alone.

Don't respond to messages that are mean and make you feel uncomfortable. Report these messages to an adult.

Remember, many people lie on the internet.

### Do:

- Check the privacy settings of social networking sites that you use
- Set privacy settings so that people can only be added as your friend if you approve them
- Set privacy settings so that people can only view your profile if you have approved them as a friend
- Remember that posting information about your friends could put them at risk
- Go through your blog and profile to remove information that could put you at risk
- Delete any unwanted messages or friends who continuously leave inappropriate comments
- Report comments to the networking site if they violate that site's term of service
- Save or print questionable activity and indicate date and time
- Tell your parents or guardian if anything happens online that makes you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused



## Child Internet Safety

The Internet is an exciting, eye-opening place. Education and entertainment sites abound. However, there are certain places in the digital world children shouldn't go, certain people and kinds of information they aren't prepared to encounter.

### When to Tell?

- Trust your intuition - always go with your gut feeling, and if something doesn't feel right to you or a friend, report it to the police. You can help stop the online victimization of youth



# SAFETY TIPS

from our Crime Prevention Unit, Sergeant Paul Sanford

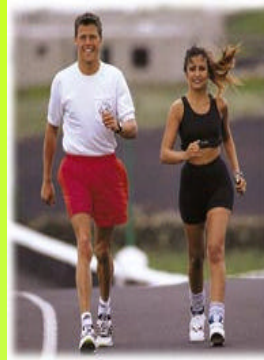


For many Americans, summer means fun in the sun. The kids are out of school, adults are on vacation and it's time for fun in the great outdoors like bicycling, skateboarding, riding scooters, swimming or barbecues. But remember to keep safety in mind

while your family is having fun this summer. This issue of the Crime Watch News focuses on our "Street Smarts."

## Test Your "Street Smarts" IQ: Do you

- Jog or walk by yourself early in the morning or late at night when the streets are quiet and deserted?
- Stuff your purse with cash, keys, credit cards, checkbook - and then leave it wide open on a counter, your desk, the floor?
- Put your wallet in a jacket, which you then hang up or throw over a chair?
- Let your mind wander - thinking about your job, or all the things you have to do - when walking or driving?
- Think it's a waste of time to lock your car when you'll be back in a few minutes?



If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you need to change a few habits. Even if you answered "no" and made a perfect score, read on. Spend a few minutes now to prevent trouble later.

## Basic Street Sense

- Wherever you are - on the street, in an office building or shopping mall, driving, waiting for a bus or subway - stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
- Know the neighborhoods where you live and work. Check out the locations of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, and restaurants, or stores that are open late.

## On Foot - Day or Night

- Stick to well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots, or alleys.
- Don't flash large amounts of cash or other tempting targets like expensive jewelry or clothing.
- Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.
- Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket, not a back pocket.
- Try to use automated teller machines in the daytime. Have your card in hand and don't approach the machine if you feel uneasy about people nearby.
- Don't wear shoes or clothing that restrict your movements.
- Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.
- If you think someone is following you, switch direction or cross the street. Walk toward an open store, restaurant, or lighted house. If you're scared, yell for help.
- Have to work late? Make sure there are others in the building, and ask someone - a colleague or security guard - to walk you to your car or transit stop.

## 39TH ANNUAL POLICE AWARDS CEREMONY

**On Tuesday, May 15, 2007, the 39th Annual Police Awards Ceremony will be held at the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach.**



**Elsa Ramon**  
ABC7/KABC News

**There will be a reception at 11:15 a.m., followed by lunch and the awards program at 12:00 noon.**

***This event publicly honors those brave citizens and police employees who have distinguished themselves by aiding their fellow men and women, often at great risk to their own personal safety.***



**John Gregory**  
ABC7/KABC News

***Tickets are available in the Community Relations Division, 333 W. Broadway, Suite 100, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.***

***They may be purchased for \$35 each or \$350 for a table of 10.***

***Make your check payable to the City of Long Beach.***

***For further information, call the Community Relations Division at (562) 570-7215***

**When Driving**

- ♦ Keep your car in good running condition. Make sure there's enough gas to get where you're going and back.
- ♦ Always roll up the windows and lock car doors, even if you're coming right back. Check inside and out before getting in.
- ♦ Avoid parking in isolated areas. Be especially alert in lots and underground parking garages.
- ♦ If you think someone is following you, don't head home. Drive to the nearest police or fire station, gas station, or other open business to get help.

**SAFETY TIPS***Continued from page 3***On Buses or other Public Transportations**

- ♦ Use well-lighted, busy stops.
- ♦ Stay alert! Don't doze or daydream.
- ♦ If someone harasses you, don't be embarrassed. Loudly say "Leave me alone!" If that doesn't work, hit the emergency device.
- ♦ Watch who gets off with you. If you feel uneasy, walk directly to a place where there are other people.

**If Someone Tries To Rob You**

- ♦ Don't resist. Give up your property, don't give up your life.
- ♦ Report the crime to the police. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming victims.

**Take a Stand to Protect Yourself**

- ♦ Make your neighborhood and workplace safer by reporting broken street lights, cleaning up parks and vacant lots, and lobbying local government for better lighting in public places.
- ♦ Join a Neighborhood, Apartment, or Business Watch to look out for each other and help the police.
- ♦ Help out a friend or co-worker who's been a victim of crime.
- ♦ Cook a meal, baby-sit, find the number for victim services or a crisis hotline.
- ♦ Listen, sympathize and don't blame. Look at the root causes.

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